

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006. Claims 1 – 32 are pending, and the Office Action rejected Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 11, 13 – 18, 20, 21, 23 – 25, and 27 – 31. Claims 4, 12, 19, 22, 26 and 32 were objected to.

In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, 17, 20 and 23, incorporating the limitations of claims 4, 12, 19, 22 and 26, respectively. Since these claims now incorporate the noted allowable subject matter from these dependent claims, it is believed that the claims are now allowable. Claims 2 – 5, 10 – 13, 24 – 25, and 27 have been cancelled. The remaining claims depend from the amended independent claims and therefore should be allowable.

It is now believed that the present claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone call will expedite the processing of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, **referencing Attorney Docket No. 351778.06100**. A duplicate sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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